

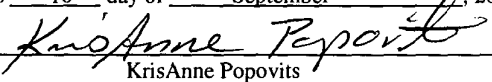
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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.97(b), the references listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08A (2 sheets, submitted in duplicate) are brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. This IDS is being filed before the mailing of a first office action on the merits. In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.97(b), no statement or fee is required.

Copies of the references cited are not enclosed, as allowed under 37 CFR § 1.98(d). Each item on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 was cited to, or cited by, the Office in one or more of the following prior related cases, to which priority to an earlier effective filing date is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120, in the present application:

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/710,288, filed November 10, 2000.

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Pursuant to the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, Chapter 609, applicant requests that the Examiner consider each of the listed documents and initial and return to the undersigned a copy of the enclosed Form PTO/SB/08A.

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